

REMARKS

Applicants have considered the June 20, 2006 Office Action, and the amendments above together with the comments that follow are presented in a bona fide effort to address all issues raised in that Action and thereby place this case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of the Amendment and prompt favorable reconsideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 are respectfully requested.

Initially, it is noted that Applicants have filed similar amendments in the child application (Application No. 11/094,510) in view of the discussions between Applicant and the Examiner during the personal interview on August 8, 2006 for the child application.

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. In response to the Office Action dated June 20, 2006, claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended. Independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended to further clarify the retracted and extended positions of the lateral members. Dependent claims 9 and 12 have been amended for antecedent basis purposes in view of the amendments to claims 1 and 12. Claim 2 has been amended to clarify that the housing has two oppositely positioned channels. Claim 3 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. Claim 6 has been amended to clarify that the latch projection protrudes into the cross-slots of the guide.

Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure as, for example, the depicted embodiments and related discussion thereof in the written description of the specification. Applicant submits that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue.

Claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated over Lin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,438,888, hereinafter “Lin”). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Matthews et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 2005/0128741, hereinafter “Matthews”). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the prior art rejections based on the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Lin fails to disclose or suggest a light assembly or method for removably attaching a light assembly as presently claimed. In particular Lin fails to disclose or suggest a light assembly including a pair of lateral members movable between a retracted position and an extended position, wherein the lateral members in the retracted position are retracted into the housing; and when the lateral members are in the extended position, they protrude from the housing and are adapted to engage the guide. In contrast, Lin discloses lateral members that arguably extend between a retracted and extended position, however, Lin fails to disclose or remotely suggest that the lateral members can be retracted into the housing as presently claimed.

The above argued differences between the claimed assembly (claim 1) and method (claim 11) undermines the factual determination that Lin discloses the light assembly and method identically corresponding to that claimed. *Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. v. Johnson & Johnson Orthopaedics Inc.*, 976 F.2d 1559, 24 USPQ2d 1321 (Fed. Cir. 1992); *Kloster Speedsteel AB v. Crucible Inc.*, 793 F.2d 1565, 230 U.S.P.Q. 86 (Fed. Cir. 1986). Applicants, therefore, submit that the imposed rejection of claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 for lack of novelty as evidenced by Lin is not factually viable and, hence, solicit withdrawal thereof.

Applicant incorporates herein the arguments previously advanced in traversal of the rejection of claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) predicated upon Lin. The secondary reference to Matthews does not cure the argued deficiencies of Lin. Thus, even if the applied references are combined as suggested by the Examiner, and Applicant does not agree that the requisite realistic motivation has been established, the claimed invention will not result. *Uniroyal, Inc. v. Rudkin-Wiley Corp.*, 837 F.2d 1044, 5 USPQ2d 1434 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Accordingly, the rejection is not legally viable and should be withdrawn.

It is believed that pending claims 1-12 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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